



**Gold Country Branch 95**

**2019 Elected Officers**

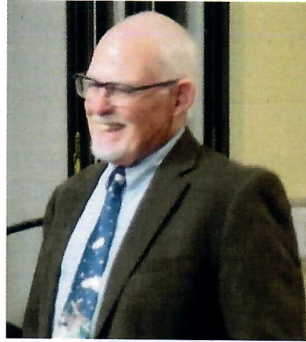
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 Tim Irish ..... 916.933.3466
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 Kevin King ..... 916.337.9811
- Secretary**  
 Terry Starkel..... 916.817.1524
- Asst. Secretary**  
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 Don Brooks ..... 530.295.9236
- Membership Chairman**  
 Mike Mohr ..... 530.676.2495
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 Rich Turoff ..... 916.934.0176  
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 Dennis Petersen ..... 916.817.1149  
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 Dan Cockcroft..... 408.781.0714  
 Ken McCoy ..... 916.933.2537
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- Area 6 Governor**  
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- Honorary Life Member**  
 Ross Walter
- Chairmen**  
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**BIG SIR – Tim Irish**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



I hope you all had cheerful and safe Christmas and New Year celebrations. Our SIR 95 Christmas Dinner was a success - thanks to the 45 couples who attended. We also owe a debt of gratitude to those members who generously donated towards the raffle prizes that helped to make our night successful.

I am looking forward to the challenges of 2019 and would like to thank the officers and board members for all their hard work in 2018, in particular outgoing Big Sir Joe Giacomini who provided invaluable leadership and guidance to me as I learned the ropes as Little Sir. I'm sure we will miss Joe's leadership and "jokes" as we go forward.

Our new officers for 2019 will be: Little Sir – Kevin King; Secretary – Terry Starkel; Assistant Secretary – Bob Mello; Treasurer – Bob Birgbauer; Assistant Treasurer – Don Brooks; Membership – Mike Mohr; and Assistant Membership – Dennis Petersen. Any support you can give them will help us to provide a more enjoyable SIRs experience for all.

One last thing, the time for our annual dues is here once again and these need to be paid as soon as possible. These dues are still \$20 and help pay for our miscellaneous expenses as well as help keep our lunch costs down.

Wishing you all an eventful and prosperous 2019.

**LITTLE SIR – Kevin King**

Today's speaker is Larry Brooks. Mr. Brooks is the author of the book Tan Tru - a non-fiction memoir centered on Mr. Brooks' one-year tour of duty as a young infantryman with the United States Army in Vietnam's Mekong Delta in 1968.

First published in 2013 and expanded in 2017, Tan Tru is ranked in the top 25 of Amazon's *100 Best Sellers* in the category of Vietnam War Biographies, receiving more than 80% Five Star Reviews from Amazon readers. Tan Tru is available on line in Kindle format as well as in a paperback from Amazon Books.

A graduate of Chico State University, Mr. Brooks is a member of Sir Branch 150. He lives in Sacramento.

## Sand Traps

by Terry Starkel, Golf Chair  
SIR Branch 95 Results  
2018 Tournaments:

### November 6 – Empire Ranch

First: Peter Apel  
Second: tie Ron Waisner  
Bob Carlson  
Fourth: tie Bob Viersen  
Bob Mello  
Closest to pin: Mel Hallett

### November 13 – Diamond Oaks

First: Dan Link  
Second: Bob Carlson  
Closest to pin: Bob Carlson

### November 20 – Wildhawk

First: Peter Apel  
Second: Tie Mike Wilke  
Dan Cockcroft  
Closest to pin: Bob Carlson

### December 4 – Empire Ranch

First: Don Nicholson  
Second: Kevin King  
Third: Bill Keane  
Closest to pin: Oli Bohlman

### December 11 – Mather

First: Steve Paulick  
Second: Peter Apel  
Third: tie Mike Wilke  
Kevin King  
Dan Cockcroft  
Closest to pin: Steve Paulick

Tournament coordinators:

- Empire Ranch – Terry Starkel  
[tstarkel2000@yahoo.com](mailto:tstarkel2000@yahoo.com)
- Mather/Diamond Oaks – Dennis Petersen  
[mrpetepetersen@aol.com](mailto:mrpetepetersen@aol.com)
- Wildhawk – Kevin King  
[kmking00@gmail.com](mailto:kmking00@gmail.com)
- All others – Ken McCoy  
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**Palino Putters**  
by Dan Cockcroft  
408-781-0714

Branch 95 Sirs play in EDHCSD Bocce Leagues. For information contact Dan.

Pickleball - Contact Dan Cockcroft  
408-781-0714

## SIR Branch 95 Golf

by Terry Starkel

A couple of thoughts about the new golf rules for 2019. First, we have some leeway as a club to set our rules of play. We have done this for years (such as being able to move the ball six inches on the fairway) and using 20" as gimme range for most play. We partly do this to improve speed of play and to make the game more enjoyable.

I will be sending out some of the main changes that will affect our group along with some changes in our club rules before the season starts. Our first scheduled tournament for 2019 will be on Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2019 at Empire Ranch.

A couple of suggestions to all players:

- (1) be ready to play, be out of the cart and by your ball as soon as it is safe to do so,
- (2) take your clubs with you, (3) you should be hitting your ball within 40 seconds of addressing the ball,
- (4) after hitting the ball, move to your next step, don't stand for a period of time thinking about the shot you just made or missed and slowing down the others in your group,
- (5) slow play disrupts everyone's tempo, so it is up to all of us to keep our players moving.

I hope everyone has a safe, productive, 2019. A new year to try to improve our golf scores and ourselves and enjoy the many opportunities we have to be with friends and fellow SIR members.

## Biking Sirs

by Rich Christensen

Ride on Folsom trails – Contact  
[r\\_christensen@comcast.net](mailto:r_christensen@comcast.net)

## Branch 95 Bulletin Updates

Submit February items by  
**Monday, February 4, 2019**  
[SIR95Bulletin@jakowatz.net](mailto:SIR95Bulletin@jakowatz.net)

## Birthdays

January

Bob Davenport  
Bill Keane  
Bob Mello  
Mike Mohr  
Ed Newton  
Malcolm Ramsay

## Membership

by Mike Mohr,  
Membership Chair

Current Active Membership – 82

Welcome New Member  
Craig Whichard

## Branch 95 Luncheon 2nd Monday of the Month Empire Ranch Golf Club

1620 East Natoma Street  
Folsom, CA 95630  
Telephone 916.817.8107

[www.empireranchgolfclub.com](http://www.empireranchgolfclub.com)

Happy Hour 11:00 AM  
Lunch 12:00 noon

## TODAY'S LUNCH

### JANUARY SURPRISE BUFFET

Soda, Tea, Water & Coffee  
included with lunch

Special diet?

Contact Tim, Kevin or your Caller

## SIR Websites

Branch 95

[www.branch95sir.shutterfly.com](http://www.branch95sir.shutterfly.com)

State SIR

[www.sirinc.org](http://www.sirinc.org)

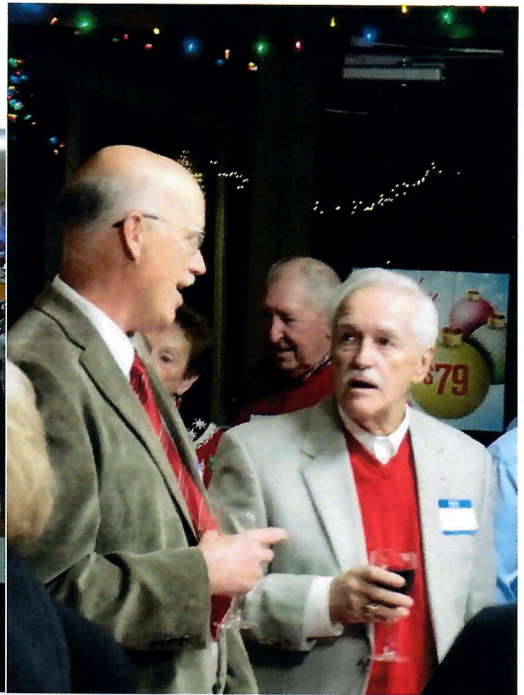
SIR Happenings

[www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/](http://www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/)

Check the Branch 95 Website

↑\*\*See the link above\*\*↑

for SIR 95 Christmas Dinner  
pictures and recent  
Golf pictures



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